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NEW COUNTY ELECTION WITHIN SIXTY DAYS.

Surveyors have Completed their Work and will Report to the Commissioners this Week. Official Calculations do not Reduce Marion's Area. Division Line Remains as it was, Save a Few Minor Changes. No Alteration in Line around Latta.

It is probable that the report of Mr. T. A. Dillon and Dr. J. C. Mace, commissioners for the new and old county respectively, will be made to the governor this week. The surveyors have completed their work and are ready to report to the commissioners. While no official figures have yet been given out, it is authoritatively known that Marion contains more than 900 square miles. Heretofore this has been the point of contention with the opponents of the New County movement. It has been stated time and again that Marion contained less than 900 square miles and that it would be impossible ever to form a new county out of the upper portion of the old county. Some who have aggressively resisted the movement to form the new county have even in times past admitted that if the new county advocates could comply with the legal requirements that they would no longer resist the movement. Since it has become known that the constitutional requirements can be complied with it is said that the new county has won many converts in the territory proposed to be cut off and that many persons in the old county now look upon the movement with indifference.

The governor has 60 days in which to order the election after the report of the commissioners is laid before him. Thus if the commissioners make their report this week the election no doubt will be held some time in March or about the first of April. All the data covering the amount of taxable property and the number of inhabitants has already been prepared and there will be little delay after the report of the surveyors is placed in the hands of the commissioners. The survey settles for all time to come the question of area. If it had shown that Marion contained less than 900 square miles the new county movement would have been abandoned; but now since it is shown that the advocates of the movement can comply with the constitution in every particular interest in the movement is becoming intense and converts to the cause are being secured every day.

It was the purpose of the New County people to get the election before Jan. 1st. in order that the county could be created by the general assembly now in session, but the survey was badly delayed on account of unfavorable circumstances and it was impossible to get an earlier report from the surveyors. Had the election been held last year the New County would have been created at this meeting of the general assembly and the machinery would have been in full operation by the middle of the year. As it is we shall have to wait until the next session of the legislature before the county can be created.

There will be no material change in the division line as originally run. There has been a lot of needless talk about what the governor would do and what he wouldn't do with the present line, but that does not amount to a row of pins. The governor has nothing whatever to do with the shape of the boundary lines. His duty is to see that the constitutional provisions have been complied with in regard to area, taxable property and population and if it is shown that these requirements have been met, he will order the election regardless of the shape of the line.

There are now over 2000 voters registered in the new county territory and a safe estimate places the total vote in the election at 1900. It will be necessary for the New County to get two-thirds of the vote in order to win, which means something over 1200 votes. Half of this number are registered at Dillon and the people

are so well united on the New County (as witness the vote in last primary) that 600 voters in Dillon mean 600 votes for the New County.

But the New County means more to the people of the upper section of Marion than it means to the citizens of Dillon. Here we have direct phone and railroad connection with the court house and can attend court and return home the same day. But not so with the farmer who lives 5 or 10 miles from the railroad. If he is summoned to jury duty he must spend the entire week at the court house even though his personal affairs suffer. If the court house were at Dillon any citizen in the new county could attend court here every day in the week and return home every night for supper. This is one of the many benefits the farmer would derive from a court house at Dillon, but this convenience alone is worth fighting for.

Civic League Notes

The Civic League met on Thursday afternoon with quite a number of members present. It will be a pleasure to lovers of flowers to know that the league will give a chrysanthemum show in the fall, and it is hoped that all the ladies of Dillon will take pride in raising fine chrysanthemums for this show. Other towns have flower shows, and there is no reason why Dillon should not do as well, or better than others. The Ladies will give an oyster supper about the 12th of this month, and will endeavor to give an entertainment of some kind each month.

News From Free State.

Miss Alice Medlin of Clio, spent last week with Mrs. M. A. Ellen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, of Monroe N. C., are down here for a few days visit to relatives. They will live at Temperance this year.

Mrs. W. C. Easterling of Dillon visited relatives in this section last week.

After three days stay with her parents, Mr and Mrs. D. E. Allen, Mrs. W. L. Tillman was called to the bed side of her husband at Bennettsville this morning.

Mrs. T. J. Cottingham of Lake City spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Finegan.

Mrs. E. C. Moore, who has been visiting relatives in Bennettsville, returned home a few days ago.

Mrs. Hortense Bass and Miss Annie Allen of Latta spent last Thursday with the family of Mr. W. B. Allen.

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Lost—From Wm. Hamer's place near Little Rock, bay horse about 5 years old, scar on left hip and one hind foot white. Last seen coming toward Dillon Monday evening. Reward for information. Thos. Malloy, Dillon.

Dots from Sandy Corner

Cold mornings of late are causing good fires and they are well attended in this section.

A. C. Moody of this section spent Saturday and Sunday last with his parents of Pleasant Hill section.

Rev. A. E. C. Pittman attended the Union Meeting at Antioch Church last week. It was a cold time for a union.

W. L. Stephens spent last Sunday with Mr. B. A. Moody and family of this place.

Miss Maude Rogers of Page's Mill visited friends here.

John Harrelson of this place lost a fine mule Thursday night.

Mrs. Adeline McKenzie of Fork is in this place visiting relatives.

C. M. C. W.

FOR SALE—White Wyandottes, eggs, 15 for \$1.00. guaranteed to hatch.

W. E. Hall, Dillon, S. C.

DILLON'S DEVELOPMENT SOMETHING WONDERFUL.

A Writer in the Lumberton Robesonian marvels at Dillon's Growth. Twenty Years ago the Abiding place of the Fox and the Thistle. The Past an Earnest of the future.

Correspondent of The Robesonian.

For the first time during the new year I find myself giving you some of the dots around the progressive town of Dillon, where 20 years or little more ago the rank thistle nodded in the breeze and the wild fox held undisputed sway over their environs. To give the reader some little idea of the progress, growth and development made, we find at our side (and will quote therefrom, if the reader please) a little prospectus handed us by one of the members of the Chamber of Commerce of what Dillon has accomplished up to date, and we think the showing creditable; and especially so when we consider that in that time we have had to face two financial panics of such formidable proportions:

"Dillon, the pearl of the Pee Dee, midway between Washington and Tampa, 53 miles south of Fayetteville, N. C., 31 miles north of Florence, S. C., on the main line of the A. C. L. Railroad.

"We are proud of Dillon as a town to live in, as a town to do business in, as a town to invest in. We invite you to come, now, and prosper with us.

Dillon has a population of two thousand, a suburban population of fifteen hundred, a live chamber of commerce—two building and loan associations—two prosperous banks capitalized at \$100,000—the best high school system in the State, three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian—good water, health, good climate, plentiful labor, cheap building material, fine hunting in season, fine fishing the year round, two wholesale groceries—Western Union Telegraph Co.—Bell Telephone system, electric light plant owned by the city, opera house, Ladies Civic League, a 60-ton cotton seed oil mill, two large cotton mills, marble works, bottling works, dairies, four sales stables, three livery stables, concrete works, novelty works, a \$30,000 hotel, an ice factory, a broom factory, a weekly newspaper, 12 miles of street 70 to 100 feet wide, some of the finest homes in the State, only \$5,000 bonded indebtedness, only 6 mills municipal tax levy."

This represents what has come to Dillon during an existence of a little more than twenty years through the efforts of live, energetic business men. And we will add that Dillon needs a steam laundry, soap factory, paper factory, a furniture factory, buggy and wagon factory, sash and blind factory, sanitarium, a bakery, and many other factories.

We are backed by one of the finest farming sections, where can be found the highest improved lands in the State, not even excepting Marlboro county, famed the world over for having carried off the prize for the greatest yield of corn to the acre, the fastest horse in the Pee Dee section, etc. We guess you have heard of all these good things about Marlboro, though.

A Mighty Pig.

The Dillon Herald says, in substance, that a Mr. C. H. Stanton killed a two-year-old pig a few days ago that weighed 503 pounds, being possibly the largest hog ever killed in Marion County. Well, Edgefield usually has something to beat everybody, so here it is: Mr. Parks, Cashier of the Bank of Parksville, killed a pig 2 years and 1 month old that netted 535 pounds, carefully weighed by parties who would testify upon oath to the facts were it necessary. The Parks are good "livers," and without consulting Pat, I take the liberty of asking you to our union meeting to help eat some of Bro. Pat's pig. Come.—Edgefield News.

FOR SALE—Settings of genuine in duck eggs. \$3.00 per dozen. W. T. Bethea.

Tax Returns.

The Auditor's office will be open for taking tax returns from January 1st. to February 20th. 1909.

The law requires a tax on all notes, mortgages and moneys, also an income tax on gross income of \$2,500.00 and upwards.

There shall be capitation tax of 50 cents on all dogs, the proceeds to be expended for school purposes. Dogs not returned for taxation shall not be held to be property in any of the courts in this state.

All males between the age of 21 and 60 years, except Confederate soldiers or those persons incapable of earning a support by being maimed or from any other cause are liable to poll tax.

All property must be assessed at "its true value in money" which is construed to mean "the sum at which the said property under ordinary circumstances would sell for cash."

Don't ask that your property be taken from the books the same as last year. All property must be listed on proper blanks and sworn to. Township and number of district given.

The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places at the dates mentioned to take tax returns.

Mullins, Tuesday and Thursday Jan 12th and 14th
Nichols, Wednesday Jan. 13th.
Zion, Friday Jan. 15th.
Pages Mills, Saturday Jan. 16.
Fork, Monday Jan. 18th.
Pee Dee Junction, Tuesday Jan. 19th.

Sellers, Wednesday Jan. 20th.
Dillon, Friday and Saturday Jan. 22nd and 23rd.

Hamer, Monday Jan. 25th.
Friendship, Wednesday Jan. 27th.

Nebo, Thursday Jan. 28th.
Old Ark, Friday Jan. 29th.
Ariah, Monday Feb. 1st.
Little Rock, Wednesday Feb. 3.
Judson, Thursday Feb. 4th.
Centerville, Friday Feb. 5th.
Bingham, Saturday Feb. 6th.
Fore, Monday Feb. 8th.
Bermuda, Thursday Feb. 11th.
Gaddy, Friday Feb. 12th.

It is hoped that all will meet the Auditor promptly and make their returns and thereby avoid the 50 per cent. penalty.

Respectfully,
F. T. McLELLAN,
County Auditor.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Marion, S. C., Sept. 23, 1908.

The books for the collection of State, County and Road Tax will be open from Oct. 15, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908, those who prefer to do so can pay in January, 1909, with 1 per cent. additional; those who prefer paying in February, 1909, can do so with 2 per cent. additional; those who prefer paying in March, 1909, to the 15th of said month, can do so by paying an addition of 7 per cent. (After said date the books will close.)

Road Tax can be paid during the fall but if those liable prefer doing so, they can pay the road tax during January, February and March, 1909, for the year 1909. The Commutation tax is \$2.00 for 1909.

Taxpayers owning property or paying taxes for others will please ask for a tax receipt in each township or Special School District in which he or they may own property. This is very important as there are so many School Districts.

Those who do not wish to come to the office can write me (not later than December 25th) and I will furnish them the amount due and they can remit me by check, money order, or registered letter.

If stamps are sent please do not send any above two (2) cents as I cannot use them.

Please do not send me cash without registering same, as it is liable to be lost; if sent otherwise it may be at sender's risk.

THE BEVY IS AS FOLLOWS:

State Tax	5 1/2 mills
Constitutional School Tax	3 mills
Road and Bridge	1 1/4 mills
Salaries	2 mills
Poor House, Poor, etc.	1 1/4 mills
General Levy	13 1/2 mills
(Total, including special school)	33 1/2 mills
be up and growing	3 mills
gage valid.	8 mills
Mr. E. M. N.	7 mills
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Pl's Hill 133	"
Oak Grove	"
Ruck Sw'p	"
Union	"
Pages Mill	"
Millers	"
Hamer	"
Dalcho	"
Nichols	"
Todd's	"
Centenary	"
Little Rock	"
Pl's Hill 156	"
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The bill to do away day limit after delivery of deeds or instrument be recorded in order to notices to subsequent credit purchasers for valuable consideration without notice was passed third reading.
The following bills passed reading and were ordered sent to the house:
Mr. Snider's bill to regulate collection and distribution of bodies for scientific purposes.
Mr. Ott's bill to amend section 309 of the code of law of 1902, to make a verdict of jury and an order of the court the county where rendered, upon the real estate of the party against whom it is rendered, citizen 1. rendition thereof, till the except Confec. 30 days from the risk do not pay after which same was those excused by la
J. D. MONTGOMERY and a half hour County held forth on
NOTICE as gone thro
The office of County Superintendent of Education will be open every Saturday and first Monday.
JOE P. LANE
Supt. of Ed.

To Our Friends ONE AND ALL

We take this means of thanking you for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the year just closed. We assure you that it was highly appreciated, and we hope by courteous treatment, fair prices, and honest dealing, to merit a continuance of the same. Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, we beg to remain, YOURS VERY TRULY,

Evans Pharmacy
A. J. Evans Rufus Edwards

PURE DRUGS

Can be found at BRUNSON'S DRUG STORE, everything new. Mr. A. A. Duncan of the Greer Drug Company and Dr. C. S. Brown have gone through our stock of

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and everything not absolutely pure and fresh has been thrown aside has been replaced with new drugs. We have also bought a handsome Innovation Soda Fountain and everybody will be sent a ticket which will entitle them to a free drink-- Watch for them.

All our prescriptions are put up by a Registered Pharmacist, thus insuring absolute safety.

Dr. B. M. Badger's old stand, Corner Main Street, Railroad Avenue.

Prescriptions filled day or night and delivered to any part of town.

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